# intermittent iviuiti-Threading Bugs: Find and Squash Races, Deadlocks, and Memory Bugs

**Memory & Thread Debugger** 

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### Here is What Will Be Covered

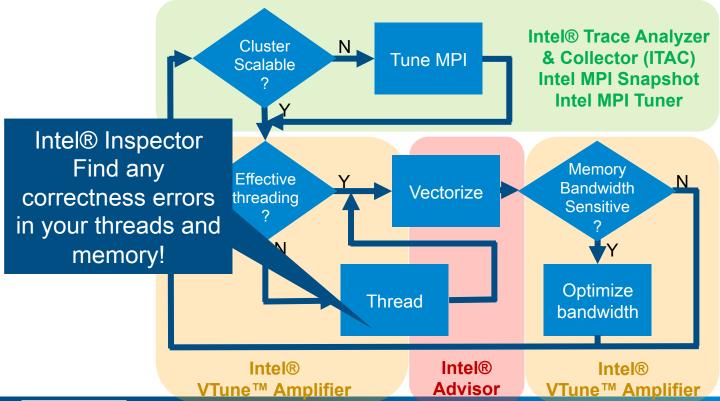
- Overview
- Memory/Thread analysis
- Deep dive into debugger integrations
- Inspector 2017 Features



# **Analysis Tools for Diagnosis**

Intel® Parallel Studio XF

Intel® Parallel Studio XE



# Find & Debug Memory & Threading Errors

Intel® Inspector - Memory & Thread Debugger

### Correctness Tools Increase ROI By 12%-21%<sup>1</sup>

- Errors found earlier are less expensive to fix
- Several studies, ROI% varies, but earlier is cheaper

### Diagnosing Some Errors Can Take Months

- Races & deadlocks not easily reproduced
- Memory errors can be hard to find without a tool

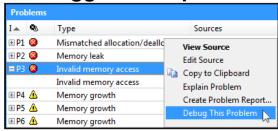
### **Debugger Integration Speeds Diagnosis**

- Breakpoint set just before the problem
- Examine variables & threads with the debugger

#### Diagnose in hours instead of months

1 Cost Factors – Square Project Analysis CERT: U.S. Computer Emergency Readiness Team, and Carnegie Mellon CyLab NIST: National Institute of Standards & Technology: Square Project Results

### **Debugger Breakpoints**



Part of Intel® Parallel Studio For Windows\* and Linux\*

**Intel® Inspector** dramatically sped up our ability to track down difficult to isolate threading errors before our packages are released to the field.

Peter von Kaenel, Director, Software Development, Harmonic Inc.

http://intel.ly/inspector-xe



# **Debug Memory & Threading Errors**

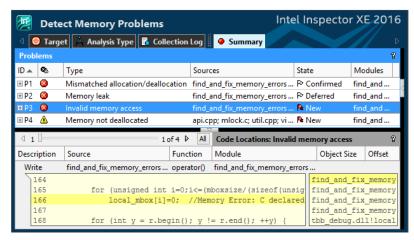
Intel® Inspector

#### Find and eliminate errors

- Memory leaks, invalid access...
- Races & deadlocks
- C, C++, C#, F# and Fortran (or a mix)

### Simple, Reliable, Accurate

- No special recompiles
   Use any build, any compiler¹
- Analyzes dynamically generated or linked code
- Inspects 3<sup>rd</sup> party libraries without source
- Productive user interface + debugger integration
- Command line for automated regression analysis



Clicking an error instantly displays source code snippets and the call stack

Fits your existing process



### Intel® Inspector dynamic analysis

**Data Collection Techniques** 

# Inspector tracks all memory allocations and threading APIs using a binary instrumentation tool called Pin

- Dynamic instrumentation system provided by Intel (http://www.pintool.org)
- Injected code used for observing the behaviour of the program

Source modification/recompilation is not needed

Application

Operating System

Thread Checking + Memory Checking

Pin

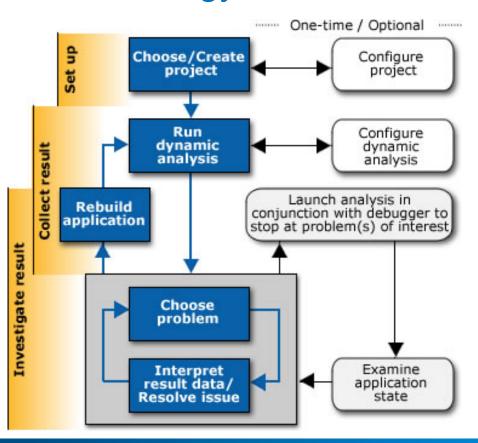
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Inspector

- OS has to be in the support list
- One process is analysed at a time



# Recommended Methodology





# Memory problem Analysis

### Analyzed as software runs

- Data (workload) -driven execution
- Program can be single or multi-threaded
- Diagnostics reported incrementally as they occur

### Includes monitoring of:

- Memory allocation and allocating functions
- Memory deallocation and deallocating functions
- Memory leak reporting
- Inconsistent memory API usage

### Analysis scope

- Native code only: C, C++, Fortran
- Code path must be executed to be analyzed
- Workload size affects ability to detect a problem



## Memory problems

### Memory leak

- a block of memory is allocated
- never deallocated
- not reachable (there is no pointer available to deallocate the block)
- Severity level = (Error)

### Memory not deallocated

- a block of memory is allocated
- never deallocated
- still reachable at application exit (there is a pointer available to deallocate the block).
- Severity level = (Warning)

### **Memory growth**

- a block of memory is allocated
- not deallocated, within a specific time segment during application execution.
- Severity level = (Warning)

```
// Memory leak
char *pStr = (char*) malloc(512);
return;
```

```
// Memory not deallocated
static char *pStr = malloc(512);
return:
```

```
// Memory growth
// Start measuring growth
static char *pStr = malloc(512);
// Stop measuring growth
```

# Threading problem Analysis

### Analyzed as software runs

- Data (workload) -driven execution
- Program needs to be multi-threaded
- Diagnostics reported incrementally as they occur

### Includes monitoring of:

- Thread and Sync APIs used
- Thread execution order
  - Scheduler impacts results
- Memory accesses between threads

### Analysis scope

- Native code: C, C++, Fortran
- Managed or mixed code: C# (.NET 2.0 to 3.5, .NET 4.0 with limitations)
- Code path must be executed to be analyzed
- Workload size doesn't affect ability to detect a problem



# Race Conditions Are Difficult to Diagnose

They only occur occasionally and are difficult to reproduce

### Correct

Incorrect	

Thread 1	ead 1 Thread 2		Shared Counter	
			0	
Read count		<b>←</b>	0	
Increment			0	
Write count		<b>→</b>	1	
	Read count	<b>←</b>	1	
	Increment		1	
	Write count	<b>→</b>	2	

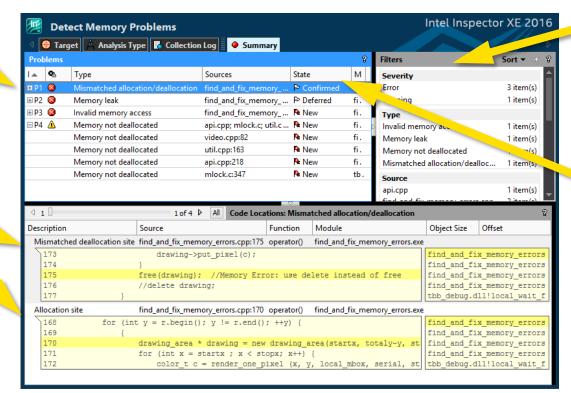
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	Write count	<b>→</b>	1	

### Productive User Interface Saves Time

### Intel® Inspector



Code snippets displayed for selected problem



Filters let you focus on a module, or error type, or just the new errors or...

Problem States: New, Not Fixed, Fixed, Confirmed, Not a problem, Deferred, Regression

### Double Click for Source & Call Stack

### Intel® Inspector

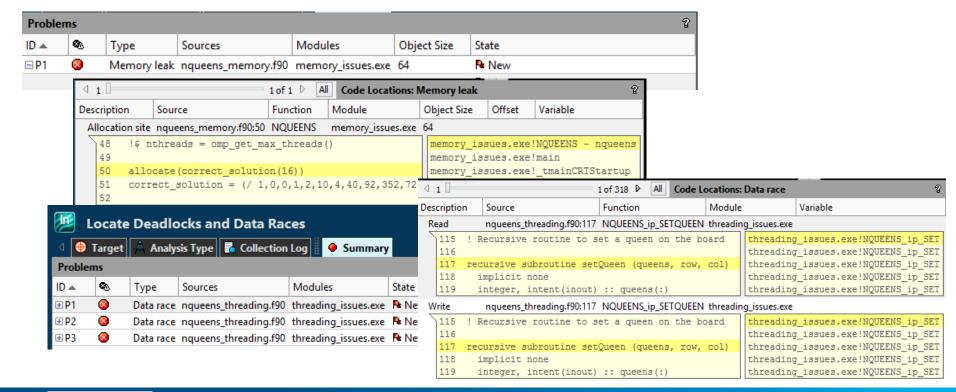
Source code locations displayed for selected problem

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Intel Inspector XE 2016
      Mismatched allocation/deallocation
                  Analysis Type 7 Collection Log
                                                      Summary
                                                                  Sources
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find_and_fix_memory_errors.cpp    Disassembly (find_and_fix_memory_errors.exe!0x46d6)
                                                                                                Call Stack
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165
               for (unsigned int i=0:i<=(mboxsize/(sizeof(unsigned int))):i++)
                                                                                               find_and_fix_memory_errors.exe!run_body - p
166
                    local mbox[i]=0; //Memory Error: C declared arrays go from
                                                                                               find_and_fix_memory_errors.exe!execute<class
                                                                                               find and fix memory errors, exelexecute -
168
               for (int y = r.begin(); y != r.end(); ++y) {
                                                                                               tbb_debug.dll!local_wait_for_all - custom_sc
169
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                        drawing area * drawing = new drawing area(startx, totaly
                                                                                               tbb_debug.dll!spawn_root_and_wait - schedule
171
                        for (int x = startx : x < stopx: x++) {
                                                                                               find_and_fix_memory_errors.exe!spawn_root_a
                             color t c = render one pixel (x, y, local mbox, serie
                                                                                               find and fix memory errors.exe!run - parallel
                             drawing->put pixel(c);
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174
                                                                                               tbb_debug.dll!local_wait_for_all - custom_sche
175
                         free(drawing); //Memory Error: use delete instead of fre
                                                                                               tbb debug.dll!local spawn root and wait - sc
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                        //delete drawing;
                                                                                               tbb debug.dll!spawn root and wait - schedul-
```

Call Stack



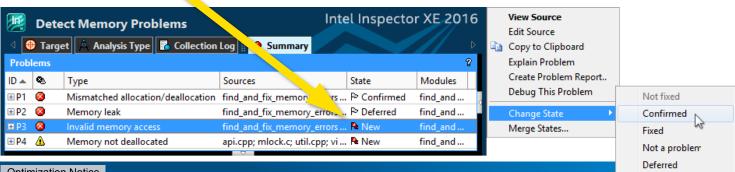
# Quickly track down your Fortran issues!



# Easy Problem Management

Quickly see new problems and regressions

State	Description
New	Detected by this run
Not Fixed	Previously seen error detected by this run
Not a Problem	Set by user (tool will <u>not</u> change)
Confirmed	Set by user (tool will <u>not</u> change)
Fixed	Set by user (tool will change)
Regression	Error detected with previous state of "Fixed"

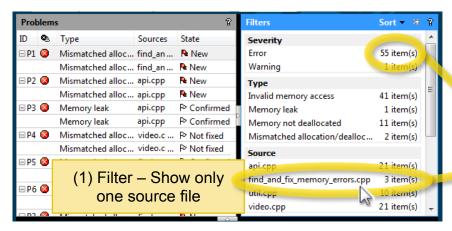


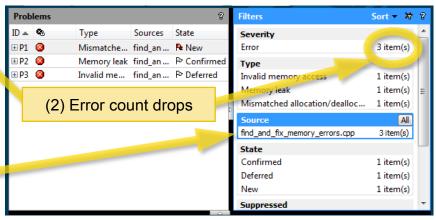
# Filtering - Focus on What's Important

Example: See only the errors in one source file

#### **Before** – All Errors







Tip: Set the "Investigated" filter to "Not investigated" while investigating problems.

This removes from view the problems you are done with, leaving only the ones left to investigate.

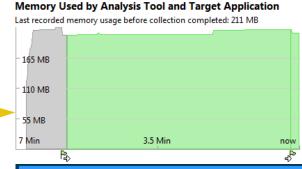
# Incrementally Diagnose Memory Growth

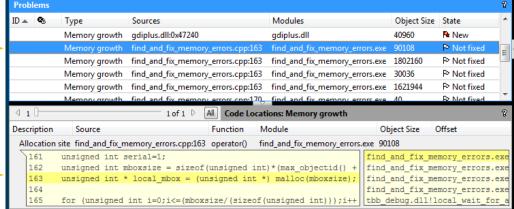
Intel® Inspector
As your app is running...

Memory usage graph plots memory growth

Select a cause of memory growth

See the code snippet & call stack





Speed diagnosis of difficult to find heap errors



# **Automate Regression Analysis**

#### Command Line Interface

#### inspxe-cl is the command line:

- Windows: C:\Program Files\Intel\Inspector XE \bin[32|64]\inspxe-cl.exe
- Linux: /opt/intel/inspector xe/bin[32|64]/inspxe-cl

### Help:

inspxe-cl -help

Set up command line with GUI



#### Command examples:

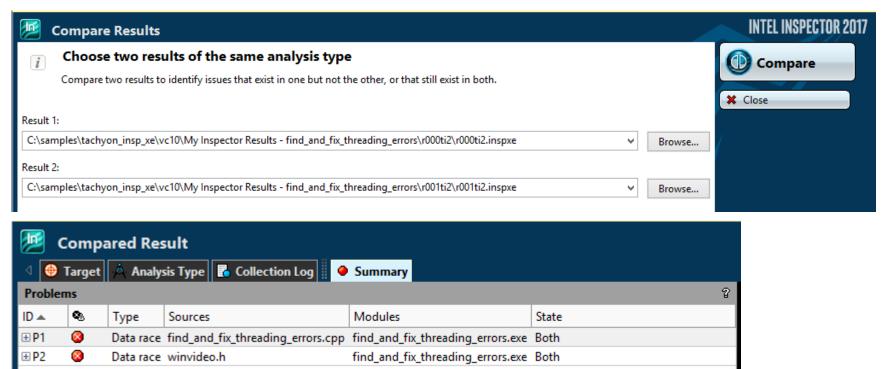
- 1.inspxe-cl -collect-list
- 2. inspxe-cl -collect ti2 -- MyApp.exe
- 3. inspxe-cl -report problems

#### Intel Inspector XE 2016 Configure Analysis Type A Analysis Type Start 2x-20x Detect Leaks ■ Stop **≭** Close Locate Memory Problems Memory Error Analysis Reset Growth Tracking Analysis Time Overhead Memory Overhead Measure Growth Detect Memory Problems Medium scope memory error analysis type, Increases the load on the system Reset Leak Tracking and the time and resources required to perform analysis. Press F1 for more Find Leaks Detect uninitialized memory reads Project Properties... Revert to previous uninitialized memory algorithm (not recommended) Command Line. ✓ Detect memory leaks upon application exit

Send results file to developer to analyze with the UI

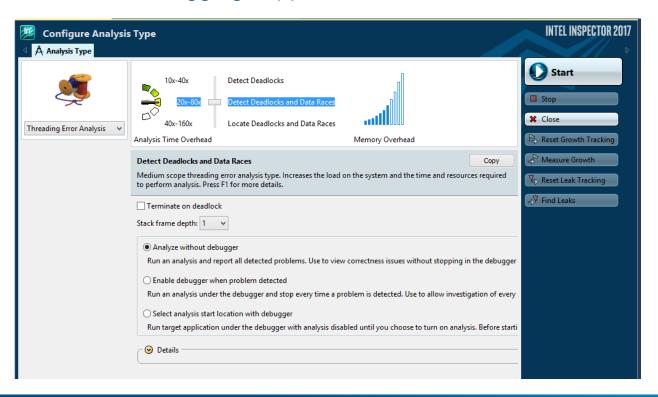
# Compare results and see what has changed

Ideal for regression testing



# Find problems quicker!

### Interactive debugging support

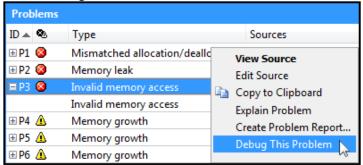


- 3 debugging modes supported
- 1. Analyze without debugger
- 2. Enable debugger when problem detected
- 3. Start analysis when a debug breakpoint is hit.

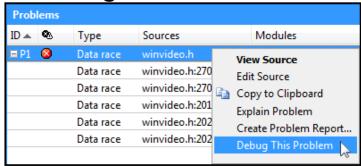
# Break At Just The Right Time

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### **Memory Errors**



### **Threading Errors**



Break into the debugger just before the error occurs.

Examine the variables and threads.

Diagnose the problem.

Save time. Find and diagnose errors with less effort.

# Intuitive problem solving using debugger integrations

```
Microsoft Visual Studio* and
 //! Refresh screen picture
□bool video::next frame()
                                                                                       GNU gdb* or Intel®
                                                                                      Debugger (on Linux*)
     if(!running) return false;
     g updates++; // Fast but inaccurate counter. The data race here is beni
     if(!threaded) while(loop once(this));
     else if(g handles[1]) {
                                             Problem Details
          SetEvent(g handles[1]);
                                              🛜 Source 🗶 Intel Inspector 🛇 Disable Breakpoint 🗟 Re-enable Breakpoints
          YIELD TO THREAD();
                                             Data race at data location 0x135dc for threads 16208 and TBB Worker Thread
     return true;
                                             Description A
                                                                         Function
                                                                                    Module
                                                          Source

⊕ Read

                                                          winvideo.h:270 next frame find and fix threading errors.exe

    Write

                                                          winvideo.h:271 next frame find and fix threading errors.exe
```

### Work Smarter & Faster

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#### **Precise Error**

```
Suppression

Type = { uninitialized_memory_access }

Stacks = {

mod=a.out, func=update_x;
func=main;
```

Precise, easy to edit, team shareable.

Choose which stack frame to suppress.

Eliminate the false, not the real errors.

### Pause/Resume

```
Collection
_itt_suppress_push(_itt_suppress_threading_errors);
    /* Any threading errors here are ignored */
_itt_suppress_pop();
    /* Any threading errors here are seen */
```

Speed-up analysis by limiting its scope.

Analyze only during the execution of the suspected problem.

Find and diagnose errors with less effort.



Productive Memory & Threading Debugger

Intel® Inspector	Memory Analysis	Threading Analysis
View Context of Problem Stack Multiple Contributing Source Locations	✓ ✓	✓ ✓
Collapse multiple "sightings" to one error (e.g., memory allocated in a loop, then leaked is 1 error	or)	✓
Suppression, Filtering, and Workflow Management	✓	✓
Visual Studio* Integration (Windows*)	✓	✓
Command line for automated tests	✓	✓
Time Line visualization	✓	✓
Memory Growth during a transaction	✓	
Trigger Debugger Breakpoint	✓	✓

**Easier & Faster Debugging of Memory & Threading** 



# Intel Inspector 2017 Features

- Support for Intel® Xeon Phi™ processor (codename: Knights Landing)
- Support for C++11 synchronization primitives during threading analysis
- Variable name detection for threading analysis
- Support for C++17 std::shared\_mutex and Windows SRW Locks during threading analysis



# Variable name detection for threading analysis

